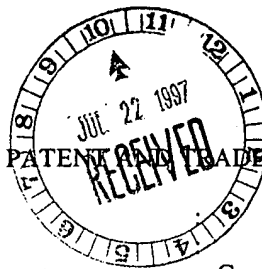




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Sir:

The undersigned attorney respectfully petitions for a three-month extension of time to reset the deadline for filing of a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified application from March 23, 1997 to and including June 23, 1997. Applicants' Amendment Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 And 1.115 is enclosed herewith.

A check in the amount of \$465.00 is enclosed. In the event that there are any fees due and owing, the Examiner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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